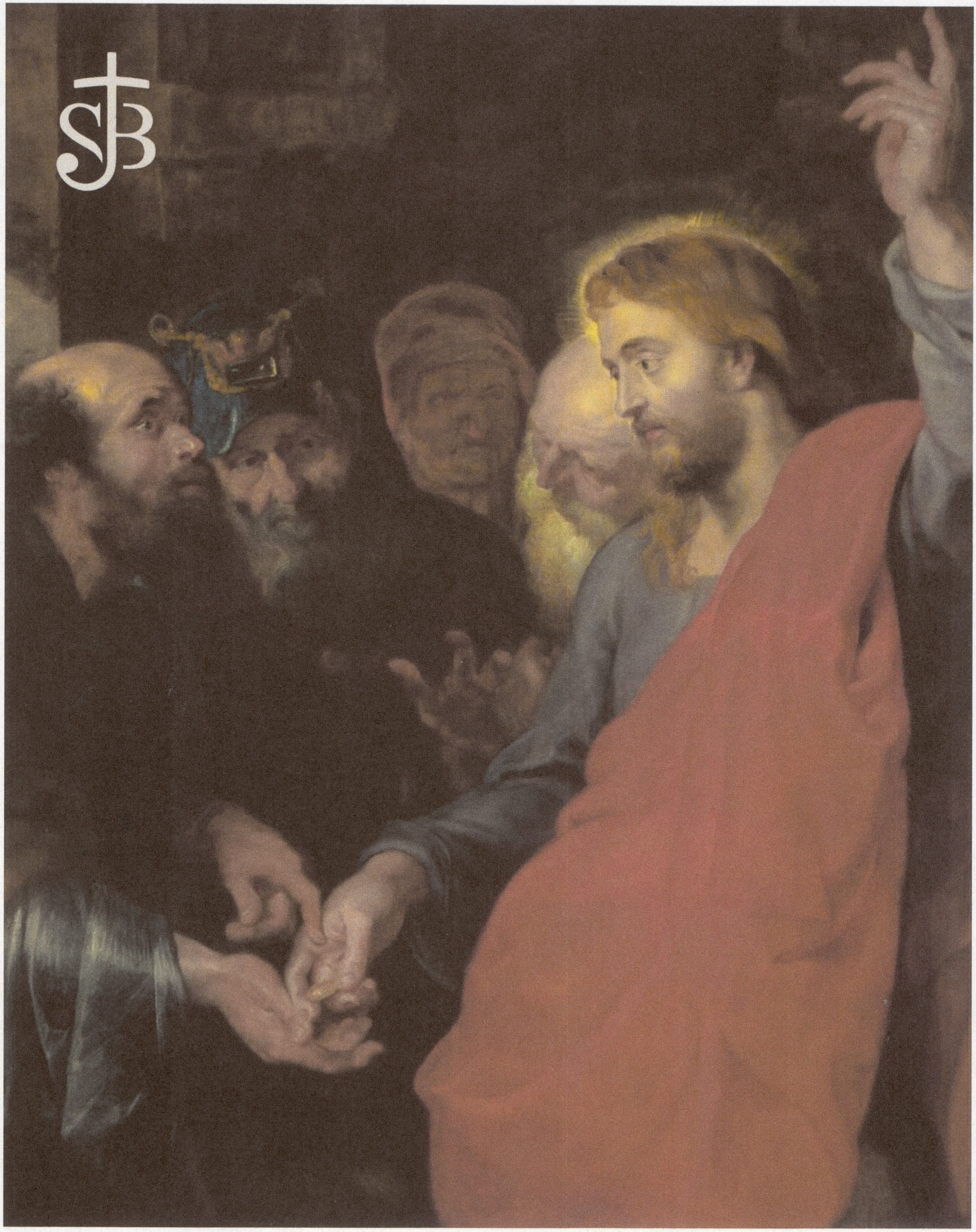

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FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Sunday to you all! Today the first reading gives us the opportunity to consider the sabbath and the importance of observing it in our culture today.

Amos prophesied in the mid-8th century BC in the northern kingdom of Israel. It had been divided from the southern kingdom of Judah for nearly two centuries. He prophesied in the midst of a kingdom experiencing expansion and economic growth, but declined into moral depravity and religious indifference. This ultimately leads to idolatry. I believe the historical state of Israel at that time is important because it mirrors the country and culture we live in today. The USA faces great challenges (internally and externally) yet, as a whole we live in one of the most economically prosperous nations of all time. While we should be grateful for the gift of living in such a society and discuss the issues that face our country, it is of the utmost importance that we do not lose sight of our relationship with God.

The Sabbath was written into the very fabric of creation by the work and rest of God, codified in the mosaic covenant, then finally redeemed and transferred to Sunday by Jesus. But the temptation which the people in Israel faced almost 2800 years ago, is one that has returned today - spending the sabbath eager only to go back to work. So, even if it is not work per se, the culture we live in sees Sundays as an opportunity to fill in all those things which are neither prayerful or restful, whether it is youth sports or household chores. Even those who come to Church on Sundays may often struggle with the temptation to say to themselves, "when will this be over?" so that they can move on to the next project or activity that they have planned.

Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath" (Mk 2:27). I share these words with you today because it can be very easy in the culture we live in (even for priests!) to forget to receive the gift of the sabbath - a gift of a day for rest and prayer. Gratefully receiving that gift and making full use of it glorifies God. It can be easy to view this gift as a burden and inconvenience, that we have to go to Mass and we aren't supposed to work (or even that Chick-fil-A is closed). This distorted view is one of pride and self-dependance. To receive the gift is an act of humility, surrender, and dependence on God. I encourage you all today to make sure that you and your family observe the Lord's Day, not with half-hearted or empty actions, but with grateful hearts that give praise to God.

Peace,

Fr. Jack

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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WHAT GOES ON:

Every session includes fellowship and dinner, worship led by Brooks Bradley, Fr. John Riccardo's compelling video, facilitated small group discussion, and prayer led by Fr. Dan Kogut.

TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6-8:30PM
OCTOBER 7TH - NOVEMBER 18TH

SCAN TO REGISTER

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REGISTER FOR FAMILY FORMATION

Family Formation is for all families—whether your kids are infants, high schoolers, or in between. We meet every month on the 1st and 3rd Sunday, after the 11am Mass, during the school year, to grow as disciples in community, together as a family.

SCAN THE QR CODE
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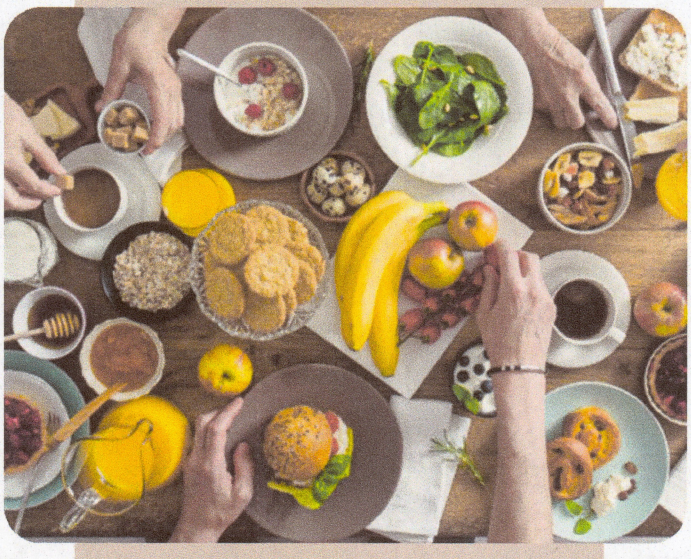
IMPORTANT DAILY MASS UPDATES:

From Tuesday September 30th through Thursday October 2nd, daily Mass and Confessions will be canceled for the annual priest convocation.

Daily Mass and Confessions on Tuesdays from October through December will be moved to 8 AM. The 6 PM Mass is cancelled due to the Rescue Project.

SJ Beat

THIS WEEK



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, September 27th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, October 1st
7pm
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
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ALL NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, October 3rd,
1pm through
SATURDAY, October 4th, 7:45am
in the Adoration Chapel

MENS BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, October 11th
after the 8am Mass
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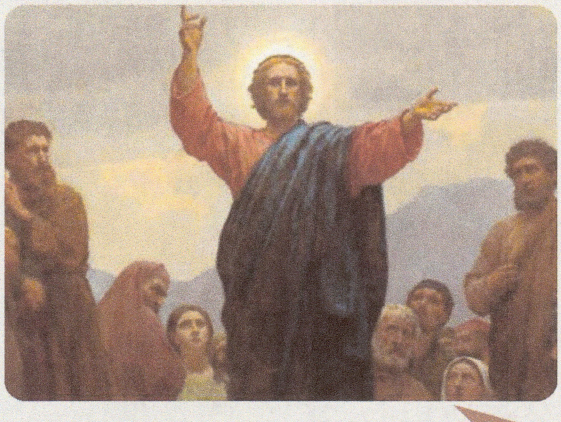
"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES



UPCOMING SESSIONS:

MONDAYS AT 6:30PM,
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

September 22nd.....Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition

September 29th.....Mary, Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of the Saints

October 6th.....Faith, Hope, Charity: The Theological Virtues

October 13th.....Salvation, Justification, Merit & the Paschal Mystery

October 20th.....Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation

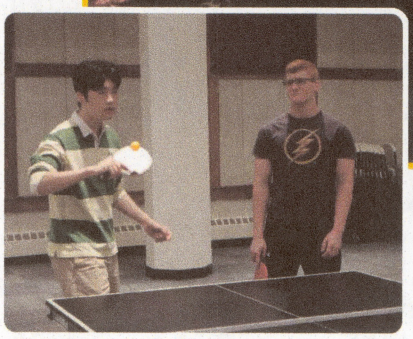
October 27th.....Sacraments: Eucharist, the Source and Summit of Christian Life

November 3rd...Sacraments: Eucharist, Part 2

November 10th.....Sacraments: Penance

CAMPUS MINISTRY

ENCOUNTERING JESUS TOGETHER



Last Thursday, we gathered for our second Disciples Night of the semester, and what a powerful evening it was! Disciples Nights are a time for our students to come together for fellowship, a powerful talk, worship, adoration, and small groups.

Sr. Lisa Zelfa spoke on the beauty and necessity of Christian community, reminding us that we're not meant to walk this journey of faith alone. One of our students led worship during adoration, filling the room with songs of praise while our staff and students offered prayer ministry in the back. To make the night even more special, Fr. Jack was present to hear confessions.

The Lord moved in many hearts as students encountered Jesus in a real and personal way. We left reminded that life with Christ is best lived in community. Come, Lord Jesus!

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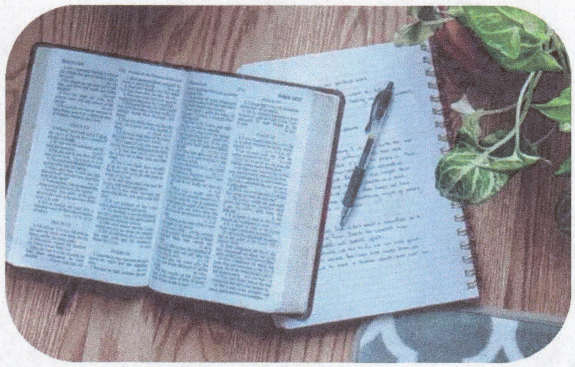

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

A full listing of our Fall Bible Studies is now available at our website. Scan the QR code or visit YpsiCatholic.org/ bible-study.

FIND OUT MORE...

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER ACADEMY "RAISING BOYS TO BE MEN"

Join us for "Raising Boys to be Men"—a powerful talk by Fr. Gerald Gawronski, at Brighton's award-winning brew pub, Brewery Becker. The talk will be followed by a panel discussion exploring how we form young men with virtue, purpose, and faith in today's culture. This is one of the most pressing topics of our time and a conversation every family can benefit from.

This event is a fundraiser for Saint Joseph the Worker Academy, an all-boys Catholic High School featuring a classical Catholic education and trade program.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6-10 PM
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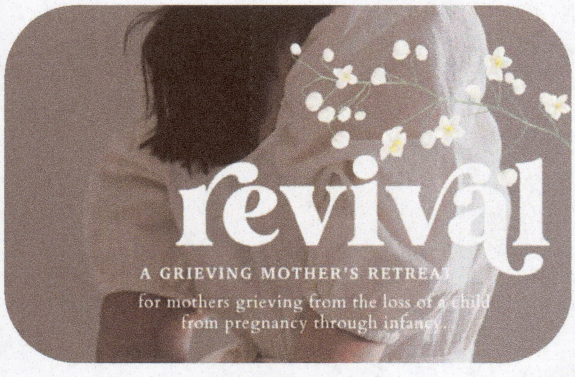
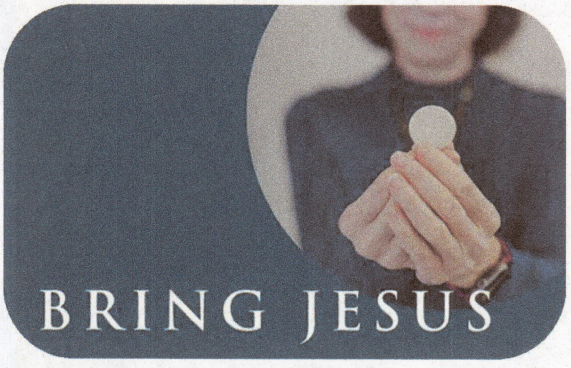


REVIVAL: A GRIEVING MOTHER'S RETREAT 2025

This retreat is for grieving mothers of miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss who desire more than shallow survival. The weekend includes Mass, Adoration, guided reflections, and compassionate & practical support from trained facilitators who are also on this journey. Confessions, spiritual direction, and counseling are also available.

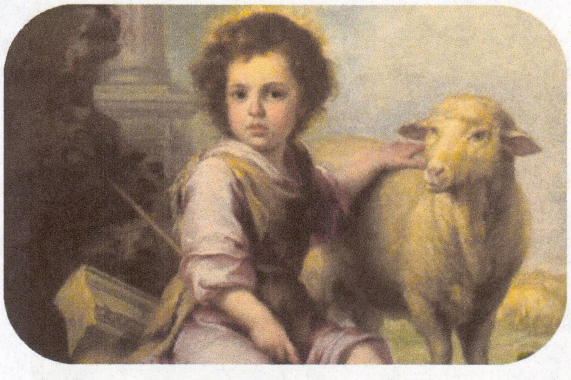
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD THROUGH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER



EUCHARISTIC OUTREACH MINISTRY

This outreach brings together volunteers from parishes around the county who go to our local hospitals, residential care, and correctional facilities to distribute communion. We visit individuals, conduct communion services, provide a connection to the Catholic community, and say, "You are not forgotten," we say, "Jesus is here today for you." No experience necessary. Training provided. Pick up an informational card at the entrances to the church.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2-4:30 PM
ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH IN ANN ARBOR



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Every week in the Atrium, a room containing beautiful, hands-on materials, —the child's attention is focused on key Scripture passages or liturgical moments. The 3-6 year old child enters the mystery of the Eucharist, first by learning the names of the articles used on the altar, and then through the most important gestures, including the preparation of the chalice, the epiclesis and offering, and the sign of peace.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9:30-11AM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 23RD

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, you will hear from Catholic speakers, engage in praise and worship music, and celebrate holy Mass with our bishops.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9AM-5PM
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SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
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JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

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Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Doris Adams

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
12:15 PM: † Sue Kertz
Requested by John & Joyce Yurko

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
6:00 PM: Intentions of the Nwanyanwu & Okwunweze Family
Requested by Maria Okwunweze

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
8:00 AM: † Maria Laflamme
Requested by Daryl Laflamme

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
8:00 AM: † James L. Stimach
Requested by KofC 3230

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
8:00 AM: † Margaret Tsilis
Requested by KofC 3230

5 PM: † Lena Cimino
Requested by Leanna McCully

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
9:00 AM: † Margaret Tsillis
Requested by Carol Mcclure

11 AM: People of the Parish

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- Free exercise machine: Pro-Form Hybrid Trainer works as an elliptical machine and a recumbent bike. It is currently in our walk-out basement: You haul. Please contact Sr. Rebecca if you are interested, 734-780-9931..
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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

"Pray, hope, and don't worry", in its powerful simplicity, are some of the more remembered words of Capuchin priest, Pio of Peitrilcina.

Born Francesco Forgione on May 25, 1887, he was the son of poor peasant farmers. By the age of five, Francesco had already experienced a deep devotion to God, and noticed the desire to grow in his spiritual life. After years of tutoring, when he was fifteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars, which is when he took the name of Brother Pius. Throughout his time as a friar, Pio experienced problems with his chronic illnesses, as well as great spiritual warfare. Many of his fellow friars would often hear strange noises from his monastery cell, which, as Pio often spoke about, were occurrences when he would have battles with the devil. Despite all of this, in 1910, he was ordained a priest.

His illness, as it persisted, caused him to be transferred for a time to his hometown of Pietrelcina, and then to the Capuchin Friary of Our Lady of Grace in San Giovanni Rotondo where he taught young seminarians and gave spiritual guidance to the townspeople–often spending over twelve hours hearing confessions.

In 1918, Padre Pio received the five wounds of Christ, becoming the first priest to bear the stigmata in the history of the Church. Upon receiving them, Pio was greatly embarrassed, and humiliated. It brought him great pain and discomfort, but he soon realized the great gift it was, as he offered the pain for the good of humanity.

In the time following his reception of the stigmata, many miracles and mystical gifts were performed by Pio. Some of these gifts included bilocation, the ability to read souls, have visions, and heal others before they even asked. Accounts of these miracles and gifts spread and would draw many crowds, as they hoped to encounter Padre Pio in a miraculous way.

On September 23, 1968, Pio succumbed to his illness and the physical effects of bearing the stigmata. Not long after his death, many called for the Church to review his life and declare him a saint. On June 16, 2003, Pope John Paul II declared Padre Pio a Saint. His feast day is September 23rd and he is the patron of Civil Defense Volunteers, Stress Relief, and Adolescents.

St. Padre Pio,
Pray for Us!

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 27TH & SEPTEMBER 28TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Fred Hall	Steve Uram
Josh Reszke	Shawn Lenhardt	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Need Volunteer	Angela Parrinello	Andy Winnie
Need Volunteer	Christine Sullivan	Wendy Winnie
GREETERS		
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Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTORS		
Kathy Badgerow	Rebecca Lussier	Jack Lynch
Mike Weathers	Van Vandagriff	Joe McKeone
SACRISTAN		
ADULT: Therese Lasswell	ADULT: Maralee Meyer	ADULT: Melissa Florian
JUNIOR: Need Volunteer	JUNIOR: Need Volunteer	JUNIOR: Need Volunteer
ALTAR SERVERS		
Lawrence Okpala	Adrian Anderson	Donald Cahalan
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Need Volunteer	Matthew Yurko	Alex Uram

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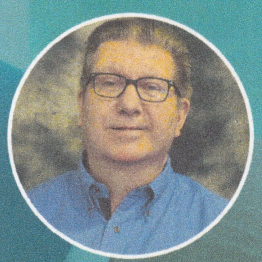

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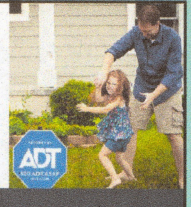
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